

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of

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For: ANODE FOR SECONDARY BATTERY AND SECONDARY BATTERY  
USING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.